(*a*) the number of applications for agricultural loans received by the Tahsildar of Quilon from the people of East Kalladai from Karkatakam 1106 to Vrischikam 1107 ;

(*b*) how many applications for agricultural loans were granted from Karkatakam 1106 to Vrischikam 1107 ;

(*c*) the total amount disbursed as agricultural loans in the Kalladai pakuthi from Karkatakam 1106 to Vrischikam 1107 ;

(*d*) whether they have received petitions for remission of tax, on the ground of loss by floods in Kalladai, from Karkatakam 1106 to Vrischikam 1107 ; and

(*e*) whether they have granted such remissions in the past ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Six

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 100.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) Yes, in the year 1099.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : With regard to the answer to part (b), may I know whether the Government are satisfied that only one of these agricultural loans is granted to the ryots ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There were six applications of which one was granted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government are aware that East Kalladai is a place subjected to failure of crops ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the Government are aware of the nature of the disposal of these applications by the Tahsildar of Quilon ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I am not in a position to answer that question now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the Quilon Tahsildar finds it difficult to cope with the applications received by him ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether there is any such complaint against him ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government will enquire into the matter ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Distribution of staff and medicines for the District Hospitals.

202. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

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(*a*) the basis on which District Hospitals are supplied with staff and medicines; and

(*b*) whether the number of patients who seek medical aid is a criterion?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*). Staff is allotted to hospitals in reference to the population to be served, the number that usually resort to them for medical aid, the general healthiness or otherwise of particular localities, prevalence of epidemics and such other considerations. Medicines are supplied on indents from the respective Medical Officers, duly checked in the Stores with reference to previous supplies and the general requirements for a year.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഫാ ർ സ-ലേയ്ക്കുള്ള മരുന്ന മുഴുവനും അതാതു ആശുപത്രികൾക്കു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): കൊടു ത്തു കാണും.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikom*): എന്നാണ് കൊടുത്തതു്?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അറി ഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഡാക്ടർമാർ കുറിക്കുന്ന മരുന്ന കും മുഴുവനും കൊടുക്കാൻ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ഇല്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു രോ ഗികൾ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന എന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അറി ഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Improvements to the Tettiyar.

203. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Are the Government aware,

(*a*) that Tettiyar, an irrigation channel in the Trivandrum taluk was deepened and widened in its upper reaches by the Public Works Department, leaving the lower portion, down to the place where it empties itself into the Veli lake, narrow, shallow and silted up; and

(*b*) that numerous breaches have in consequence occurred in the banks of the lower portion of this canal causing damage to paddy cultivation?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether it is proposed to widen and deepen also the lower portion of this irrigation channel?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Breaches occur as the lower portion is winding and narrow with weak bunds.

(2) Yes. It is proposed to take up the necessary investigation soon.

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